

Minutes.....January 22, 2001

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 22, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(33) In the matter of Front Range Pipeline, Docket No. D2000.12.208; On December 11, 2000, Front Range Pipeline filed a request to delete Kevin Junction, Montana as one of the ship FROM points. This portion of the pipeline is being taken out of service. All shippers have been advised of this change. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(34) In the matter of AT & T Communications, Docket N2001.1.3; On December 13, 2000 AT & T filed tariff Transmittal 2000-22 to introduce direct inward dialing for AT & T digital link Service. The Commission has waived the requirement at § 69-3-805(1)(e), MCA, that entities providing competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) service in Montana file initial tariffs or price lists as part of registration and compliance with § 69-3-805, MCA. (See Notice of Commission Action, August 17, 2000.) Despite the waiver, AT & T wants to have its CLEC tariff price list on file and approved by the Commission for action. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(35) In the matter of TN2091; Bayside Disposal, Inc. dba Disposal Service of Montana, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9412 to City of Cut Bank, a Municipal Entity, Cut Bank, Montana for a one year period, January 18, 2001 to January 18, 2002.

Class D - Refuse, meaning all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, garbage, rubbish, street cleanings, dead animals, yard clippings, solid market wastes, solid industrial wastes, liquid wastes, and any other abandoned waste, between all points and places within the city of Cut Bank, Montana and an eleven (11) mile radius thereof. Carrier is authorized to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the continuance of the lease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(36) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 16, 2001. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 22, 2001

10:30 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 22, 2001, the following members were present:

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Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Dennis Crawford, Susan Good

(37) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget/Personnel Matters; Commissioner Rowe moved to reclassify position 42100006 (Legal Secretary to Rate Analyst III), open the Rate Analyst III position in-house for one week, and issue the letter offering a personal staff position to Dave Hoffman. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0-1. Commissioners Feland, Stovall, Brainard and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson abstained.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 23, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 23, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(38) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's 2000 Gas Tracker, Docket No. D2001.1.1; Commissioner Rowe moved to consolidate this docket with the gas assets sale proceeds docket (Docket No. D96.2.22) for case management purposes. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioners Feland, Stovall, Brainard and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson

(39) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Default Supply, Docket No. D2000.10.177; Commissioner Brainard moved to grant the extension to Friday, January 26, 2001. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney

(40) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest's generic protective order, Docket No. N2000.8.199; Commissioner Rowe moved to protect the information contained in Schedule 23, columns C-L with the exception of the column totals (based on a January 17 letter from Gary Duncan). Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(41) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Touch America and Qwest arbitration, Docket No. D2000.8.124; Commissioner Brainard moved to grant Qwest's motion to compel and overrule Touch America's objections. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Feland, Stovall, Brainard and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....January 24, 2001

9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on January 24, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner (via telephone)
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not leave a vote or proxy on the issues.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dennis Crawford, Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(42) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative Matters; Commissioner Brainard moved to support SB 276 if subsection (3) is removed. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3-0-1. Commissioners Feland, Stovall and Brainard voted aye. Commissioner Rowe abstained.

(43) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative Matters; Commissioner Brainard moved to offer an amendment to SB 276 to strike the word "supply" and replace it with the word "utility." Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioners Feland, Stovall, Brainard and Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)